Arcolade Services
and
Committee Manual

SILVER LEGION OF AMERICA

The Accolade

THE ACCOLADE SERVICE of The Silver Shirts shall be conducted by the Chaplain as presiding officer, assisted by the Scribe and Almoner, at 7 o'clock of the first Sabbath evening after the confirmation of pro-tem officers of the Rally by the Supreme Cabinet. The rostrum should be especially prepared with the Stars and Stripes above it, crossed with the Banner of the Liberation. As many banners of the Liberation as possible should be in evidence, but if there is more than one in a cluster, they should always bank below Old Glory.

Chairs should be arranged so that the Chaplain occupies the place of honor in the center, with the Almoner at his left and the Scribe at his right. In the foreground before the rostrum should be prepared a bulwark or balistrade railing, not over 30 inches high and at least 6 inches flat on the top, draped completely in white, but with the Scarlet "L" as center-piece. A step may be arranged before this railing for the kneeling for the Accolade and the partaking of Communion during the service.

The cadets and their ladies to be made Spartans by the taking of the Oath, with Communion, shall be detained outside the room or hall of the services, at the rear until summoned by the bugler as hereinafter prescribed. If there be lay spectators, they shall be grouped to right and left of the center. In the center shall be reserved the exact number of empty chairs that there are candidates to be thus dignified.

All spectators must be in their places promptly on the dot of 7 o'clock, late arrivals not being admitted during the ceremonies. The order of the Accolade Service shall be as follows:—

I

The ceremony shall be opened by the Bivouac bugler stepping before the rostrum in uniform and playing the stirring notes of the reveille, the symbolic awakening from the slumber of public insouciance.

II

As the notes of this signal are sounding, the Post band, held at the forefront of the cadets in the rear, or the orchestra, if there be no band, shall begin the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Silver Shirts as they march into the hall to take their places:—

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ the royal master
Leads against the foe,
Forward into battle
See His banners go—

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

"Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine
One in charity—

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before."

While this hymn is being sung, the rear doors open and the candidates enter, preceded by the band, who march up the center aisles and take the places prepared for them near the rostrum. Immediately behind the band marches the Chaplain in uniform, with the Scribe and the Almoner abreast behind him. Behind the Scribe and Almoner, two abreast, come the Nurses in their white uniforms with hoods fallen back and cape-folds cast as uniformly as possible over both shoulders. Behind the Nurses march the male candidates, in uniform, campaign hats held at salute against the heart. On arriving at the front of the hall, the Chaplain and his two aides step before the rostrum, with Scribe and Almoner on his right and left, and stands at military salute as those behind him divide to right and left and enter the rows of front chairs prepared for them, one row of women on each side, in front of one row of men. All remain standing when their places are reached until the final verses of the Battle Hymn are completed:—

"Crown and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that church prevail,
We have Christ's own promise
And it cannot fail—

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"Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices,
In the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ the King,
This, through countless ages,
Men and angels sing—

"Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!"

If all are not in their places by the time the hymn is completed, the musical director shall start the first verse of the hymn and continue a repetition of the verses until all are standing before their chairs. Whereupon, when the three presiding officers shall see that these places have been arrived at, the Chaplain shall end his salute and mount into the rostrum.

Chaplain, Almoner, and Scribe should be bareheaded for this entrance march. All persons should be directed to rise at the first entrance of the cadets into the hall, and remain standing until the completion of the Liberation prayer.

At the conclusion of the hymn, the Chaplain being in his place behind the rostrum and the Scribe and Almoner standing before their respective chairs to right and left be-

hind, the Chaplain shall give the salute of the uplifted right hand and shall say—

CHAPLAIN: "Let us invoke Divine Sponsorship for the services of this solemn hour, by repeating in unison the Prayer of the Liberation—

"Our Father, who art in heaven,
Give us of Thy wisdom;
Give us this day our daily illumination
To light the way of feet that do falter.
Give us this day not our daily bread,
But bread for those who hunger more
than we do.
And leave us not in quagmires of
ignorance,
For such is not Thy nature,
But send us ennoblement,
That we may manifest our dignity,
Our knowledge and our vision to unborn generations.
Peace, and a goodly heritage be upon the
nations!
This, our prayer, we pray in contriteness,
That those who say it after us
May live it in their intercourse.
—Amen.

III

The Chaplain and the Almoner shall then seat themselves, but the Scribe should remain standing and step to the rostrum in the Chaplain's place. With the people seated before him, he shall read the Declaration of the Silver Shirts—

THE SCRIBE: "We are a citizenry of manifesting Christians, called to high service by the rigors of the times.

"We have come hither to bind ourselves in a holy fellowship, that we, by our deeds before men, shall disclose ourselves to be efficient modern servants of The Galilean.

"At no time was it said that the ideals of The Christ could be founded in the hearts and lives of men without turmoil.

"The stupendous forces of Anti-Christ which have been playing upon this planet during the past six thousand years, have held the world in thrall.

"To remove them from the Body-Politic is like unto a celestial surgical operation.

"If Our Lord had intent toward literal statement in His words, He expressed it when He said. 'I come to bring not peace, but a sword.'

"And yet it was a scalpel blade which He would have us wield in its literal significance, a steel that cuts a fester from the organs of society and lets its biceps function in a free and healthy whole.

"There are malevolent interests so ensconced in society that nothing but a disruption of their physical activities can give us the chance to install a new ethical and economic order.

"The nations of the earth have come under influences so powerful that they can make and unmake rulers, direct the labor or order the starvation of multitudes and generally deport themselves as false vicars of the Almighty's beneficence in worldly form.

"All this must be changed.

"It must be changed in practical ways, so confusing them in their maneuverings that they can no longer

combine for a continuance of malfeasance.

"The times wax wroth and the whirlwind blows savagely.

"We gather here to prepare the way for a Great Deed in the present arising from the sinews of men's strivings, flowing with the warmth of a million heart-aches as each man and each woman prepares himself for the times which Holy Writ has prophesied.

"But greater than mere prophecy are those who *are* prophecy, in that their greatness encompasses that which is needed in the consummation of divine purposes, and who go out as practical administrators of that which must be accomplished.

"*We do now so go out*, to stand as a bulwark against the onrush of Evil Militant, declaring ourselves Sons of Light and Daughters of Radiance.

"And our prayer is to the Morning, that on the High Tablelands of Unspeakably Beautiful Service to our Race, we may meet the Greatest Servant of All and hear His accolade—

"Well done, thou good and faithful minister; thou hast been great over small things, behold I bestow upon you a Princehood in the Kingdom!"

As the Scribe finishes with this Declaration, let him remain motionless in the rostrum. Whereupon shall the softer instruments of band or orchestra begin to play as a haunting melody, the strains of Lead, Kindly Light. Let the music swell and die in volume, during which the Scribe turns away and the Almoner takes his place. As the strains of Lead, Kindly Light sink to frailest softness, let the Almoner begin Speaking with a scroll before him on which is typed the New Sermon on the Mount—

IV

THE ALMONER: "Out of the Vastness of Cosmos, the transcendent senses tune in on a Voice. If the Word was made flesh and once spoke to men, how much stronger may be its pronouncements when the handicaps of flesh are laid aside? Behold our Commander-in-Chief adjures us—

"What went ye forth to seek; a bed of heliotropes in which ye might delight your senses?

"Is it not fairer to say that ye did choose thistles for your resting-place, that there might come no rest until the work ye do be finished?

"Harken to My voice, ye who sally forth carrying waters of instructive charity to the thirsty lips of men!

"What went ye forth to seek: fine robes of linen to cover your nakedness that ye might be proud of your raiment, or the coarsest of garments, that others might stand without embarrassment in the presence of those who come serving?

"What went ye forth to seek: the avenues of goodly hopes or the roads of circumspection that made you to know no resting place that hath in it luxury whilst there be trudgers in hot sunshine?

"I speak to you with My voice; cometh a day when ye hear with your ears; cometh a night when ye say: Lo, Our Lord is with us, let us greet Him with hospitality for He hath come on a goodly mission.

"Thus say I this hour; abide ye in me and be My handmaidens and husbandmen, that ye may be servants of the one Father whose Spirit dwelleth among you always.

"For if a man hath not love, he is as one who casteth himself from an exceeding high mountain and knoweth

not the disaster in that plunge.

"When men shall say: Those who walk among us whose garments are as snow, let it be told among them, thus were ye always, in that your love was great for one another, yet greater for the world!"

V

As the Almoner speaks this final sentence, let the musical director suddenly alter his accompanying music and swell into the loud tocsin of—

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME"

(*The Almoner retiring before his chair and the Chaplain stepping into the rostrum, raising his arms and bidding all to arise and sing:*)

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of All;

"Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him, crown him,
Lord of All.

"Crown Him, yet martyrs of your God
Who from His altar call,
Extoll the Stem of Jesse's Rod
And crown Him Lord of All:

"Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod
And crown Him, crown Him,
Lord of All:

"Sinners, whose Love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,

"Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him, Lord of All:

"Go spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him, crown Him,
Lord of All!"

VI

The music stops, the people seat themselves, leaving the Chaplain standing. He reads from the Scroll before him as dramatically as possible, the following Eulogy to Action—

Night lies curdled over the world!

Beneath its black cloak the Powers of Darkness seduce and slay.

Monstrous shapes laugh derisively at God, they think the Christ is a Man of Straw, they mock the Higher Fraternity with vauntings.

Worship us, they say—bow down and do us reverence, or we violate your firesides, we despoil your daughters, we make perverts of your sons, there shall be no goodly thing endure unless it serve our purposes of lust—for we, the Powers of Darkness, have spoken.

Did we not crucify your Lord? Did we not spit upon your Prince? Have we not shown ourselves invincible in every land where Fraternity is slogan?

We come to you in curdled darkness and say, Ye know not our names, except that we be powerful.

And the timid shrink, the women and children cower, the strong men blanch, the Four Horsemen ride the crest of men's heart-hopes.

Night lies curdled over the world.

Its heart is of pitch.

Out of the jaws of darkness no voice has sounded: "*Up!*

ye men of Christ! Stretch your strong biceps! Clang mightily your armor, ye invincible servants of the Galilean!

Long is the night. But prophecy is errorless! Across the night's heart comes a shudder of stillness.

What is that nimbus atop yonder mountain?

Strange is that sheen. Watch it, ye peoples! What can it portend?

Behind the mountain grows an aura, weak as a moonbeam, vague as a wish. *Yet something is happening behind yonder summit.*

See, the world is not darkness, the world is pearl-gray.

Look around you, Gaze across vague distance. Turn your eyes behind you and see westward.

Where are those Crosses that in last evening's twilight showed against dark tumult?

Behold, they are missing!

What has become of them? Who has removed them? What can it mean? Look back to the eastward! The East takes on color, the mountain looms sharper, a hush holds the world, the fogs of the dawn prepare for an anthem.

Hark to the Silence! but is it a silence.

Somewhere men are marching!

The sounds become stronger, though valley-mists screen them. Who can these be who march in the dawn-hush?

Hark! The sounds are growing louder! This is no company of heavy-eyed marauders who thus plague the dawn. Their foot-beats are dauntless. They step with steel courage.

An army is coming from somewhere. Its stride is a tocsin!

Men of Christ, arouse! Look upon this miracle emerging from the mist-banks! Where have they come from, these serried ranks of valor?

Who wrought this Host together? What cast them in this concord? What is that snow-white banner with one letter of deep scarlet whose folds snatch the gleam from that blaze on the skyline?

Has the Night birthed this wonder?

Who rides that milky stallion at the head of such battalia, His mantle of purple drenched by his curls, His hand lifted high to salute little children?

In this He, indeed, whose cadaver drooped last night from a spar of cedar timbers?

Who flourish those trumpets?

What Captains support Him?

Behold the Miracle: *The Commander comes riding in with the Dawn, and behind are His Legions, resplendent in silver!*

Peoples of Earth! The Silver Legion is marching!

Christ men, grim men, men of stamina, men of mettle, young men, old men, Lords of High Courage, Chamberlains of Valor—

THE SILVER LEGION IS MARCHING!

Their War Cry is the morning.

Is it not time we sprang erect to meet them?

What salute so martial as the right-hand at the forehead as the Prince of Peace approaches?

No kneeling to this Prince—no bowing, no groveling—the command is *Attention!* straight bodies, faces lifted.

These are our beatitudes expressed in garbed splendor. These are our atonements, that we blend with those cordons.

America has need of us.

The world awaits our pibroch.

Into the Silver Uniform, ye challenged! Take the Mark of the Prince upon your shoulders. Receive the Bright Accolade—

Love!
Loyalty!
Liberation!
For the Morning is here, and its nimbus is *Victory!*

VII

As the Chaplain ceases speaking, the band, orchestra or organ, shall maintain the military tempo of the foregoing by crashing into the following hymn:—

"COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING!"

The Audience shall arise and sing in unison:—

"Come Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father, All Glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days!

"Come Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend,
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success,
Spirit of Holiness,
On us descend!

"To Thee, Great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore!
May we in glory see,
Thy sovereign Majesty,
And to eternity
Love and adore."

The Chaplain shall remain standing in the rostrum as the people seat themselves. He shall then address the Cadets and Nurses specifically as follows:—

VIII

MY BELOVED BRETHREN IN SILVER-BLUE ARMOR:—

MY BELOVED SISTERS IN CAPES OF MERCY:—

We are met in this place for a solemn rite.

We gather at the behest of a holy trinity: Love, Loyalty, and Liberation, to begin a Great Deed.

We erect a mighty platform in prophetic days, on which the Pure in Heart may stand, resisting the rigors of satanic tumult.

We lay Four Cornerstones for that mighty platform:

PEACE
MERCY
JUSTICE
KNOWLEDGE

We lay them deep in the sub-strata of the nation's Christian manhood, and cement them true with the Faith of the Fathers.

Having laid them, we sanctify them—with the blood of martyrs, with the anguish of patriots, with the anthems of poets, with the prayers of mothers.

I am commissioned to stand before you at this moment and challenge you to step forward in a volunteering as Master Craftsmen, to build on those cornerstones a high, chaste shaft of Inviolate Sacrifice.

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MY BELOVED BRETHREN IN SILVER-BLUE ARMOR:—

MY BELOVED SISTERS IN CAPES OF MERCY:—

The Christ Men of this nation are arising in fulfillment

of Divine Prophecy.

They are garbing themselves in uniforms of silver that they may bring in an age that is golden.

They are led of men with transcendent senses, who have evidence of an inspirational Communion with the Saints and the Fathers, who accept the loftier mentorship of the Just Men Made Perfect.

They have a definite program to encompass.

I would speak aloud, publicly, for your intelligent understanding, the fiats creating your brevet, that in blending with those cordons you may know whereat you journey.

As your names known of men are called by the Scribe of the Rite, I ask those of you who have caught the Vision of Ennobling Achievement to stand upon your feet and place your bodies as Living Sacrifices before this Altar of the Liberation, that you may thus attest before the Invisible Presences of those Just Men Made Perfect that you join them in a warrant.

IX

(*As the Chaplain voices this invitation, the band, orchestra, or organ, shall begin to play the subdued strains of the hymn "Lead Kindly Light" as musical accompaniment to the Calling of the Roster. Whereupon the Scribe shall arise and stand slightly apart from The Chaplain on his right. He shall read and call out from a Parchment Roll, which shall subsequently be framed and hung in the Bivouac, the names of the Enlisting Spartans and their Ladies, to be answered in the following manner:*)

SCRIBE: "*Spartan Silver Shirt JOHN SMITH!*"

JOHN SMITH: (arising to his feet) "*I volunteer!*"

(The names shall be called alphabetically, alternating the names of the women with the men, in this wise:)

SCRIBE: "*His avowed Lady AMANDA SMITH!*" (or

"Silver Shirt lady Cora Knight" if unmarried).

LADY: (arising and placing herself next in line at altar's extreme left:) *"I volunteer!"*

(When eleven persons have grouped themselves before the rostrum, the second row shall be started at the extreme left, until all the volunteers are standing before the Chaplain. The moment that the Chaplain starts addressing them, the refrain of the hymn shall sink into silence:)

MY BELOVED BRETHREN IN SILVER-BLUE ARMOR:—

MY BELOVED SISTERS IN CAPES OF MERCY:—

Take heed and understand the Items of your Brevet:—

I DECLARE TO YOU that you are summoned to promote a nation-wide campaign of Public Enlightenment, as to the identities and characters of the public enemies, that the humblest citizen may no longer contribute in ignorance to the treacheries and chicaneries, the traffickings and despoilings, of those in high or low places who strike cravens' blows at our Christ and our Culture. *Do you understand the nature of the Declaration?*

ALL VOLUNTEERS: (Lifting aloft the right hand) *"I do!"*

I DECLARE TO YOU that you are summoned to give allegiance to the flag of our nation above every other flag, to support all civic and police authorities in the conscientious and legitimate discharge of their duties to preserve the public law and order, to stand firm as rock for the integrity and stability of our nation's Spiritual, Educational, and Economic institutions, and to make it your earthly business to see that representatives are elected to constitutional authority who shall preserve them in purity. *Do you understand the nature of the Declaration?*

ALL VOLUNTEERS: (Lifting aloft the right hand)
"I do!"

I DECLARE TO YOU that you are summoned to lend the full quota of your arms, your bodies, and your understanding endeavor, to the immediate and permanent demolishment and obliteration of all criminal institutions that have as their objectives blasphemy or violence toward God, His Son Jesus the Christ, or to the physical peace and safety of lawfully behaving citizens. *Do you understand the nature of the Declaration?*

ALL VOLUNTEERS: (lifting aloft the right hand)
"I do!"

I DECLARE TO YOU that you are summoned to apply your minds and your bodies to all non-violent means for emasculating great money-bunds in any strangulation of the public financial credit on which your earthly fortunes depend, to unseat and otherwise reprimand by all non-violent means that may become expedient all officers of the public trust and legislators who allow themselves to become the witting or unwitting agents of commercial cabals, either foreign or domestic, that have as their objective the economic distress of the free American people, and to endorse, embrace and actively promote all practicable expedients which may be submitted to you for the free flow of money, credit, and trade of a bona fide character. *Do you understand the nature of the Declaration?*

ALL VOLUNTEERS: (lifting aloft the right hand)
"I do!"

I DECLARE TO YOU that you are summoned to apply your minds, your bodies, and their understanding efforts, to alleviate the spiritual, mental, and physical distress or suffering of the unenlightened in this nation, to use your best efforts to provide roofs for the shelterless and food

for the hungry, to look as you can to the equitable distribution of the assets of the affluent that are, or may be, offered in charity, to take no personal remuneration in any form for such services of mercy and to shame those who do by public odium. *Do you understand the nature of the Declaration?*

ALL VOLUNTEERS: (lifting aloft the right hand) *"I do!"*

SO BE IT! You are called to do no unlawful thing. You are called to participate in no unhallowed secrets. You enter into this warrant which you are now about to take upon yourselves, without duress of any character, and if unhallowed, dishonest, pernicious, unchristian persons shall at any time in future strategize and secure control of this organization of which you are now to become an integral part, defeating, thwarting, or otherwise making impotent the least of these Declarations to which you have attested, it shall be your sacred duty to disband this Post, fold your white Banners, and withdraw into secret conclave only to consider, endorse, and actualize ways and means for ridding yourselves of the miscreants.

I ask the Flag Marshal to present the Stars and Stripes!

X

(The Flag Marshal shall thereupon ascend to the platform bearing at mast the flag of our American nation. Chaplain, Scribe, and Almoner, shall step back to the left of the platform, the Flag Marshal halting between rostrum and end of platform at the left. The Chaplain shall then announce:—

"We do now take upon ourselves, before our organization Oaths, the Great Oath of Allegiance to our Flag and Country, the integrity of whose history and progress we are called to preserve:—

IN UNISON:

"I MAKE ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG, AND THE NATION FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE COUNTRY, FREE AND INDIVISIBLE, WITH FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!"

(*Whereupon shall the band, orchestra, or organ, break forth into the playing of the first and last verses of America, in which all shall join:*)

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee, I sing.
Land where our Fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain-side
Let freedom ring!

"Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author or Liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright;
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!"

(*The Flag Marshal shall then descend from the platform on the left, while the Chaplain, the Scribe, and the Almoner descend on the right. They shall walk in behind the Railing of Sanctification. The Flag Marshal shall also enter this enclosure at the left and mount guard at the eastern end with Old Glory erect at his shoulder. An assistant to the Flag Marshal shall enter behind the three Officers at the right, with the Banner of Liberation similarly held at the*

opposite side of the enclosure. With this Manual Book in his hand and his two official aides at right and left slightly behind him, the Chaplain shall administer the Oath of the Silver Shirts with this preamble:—)

XI

BELOVED MILITIA OF CHRIST:

The martyrs and patriots who in every age have contributed to human progress, bethought themselves not of the physical price that such progress extracted from them.

They heard only the tocsin to militant endeavor, their eyes saw only the ultimate objective, they were strengthened and sustained by an unshakable trust that Divine Providence works His marvels of human advancement through mortal men and women.

I say to you that we are the martyrs and patriots of the present. We hear the Tocsin, our eyes see the Vision, we confide in the support of the Holiest of Agencies to bring man a cleaner and a higher dispensation of Freedom, Truth and Spiritual Fraternity.

In the step which we are taking, we recognize the perils. We know of the Hidden Ambush, the Pestilence that Flyeth by noonday, the Serpent in the Grass that awaits to bruise our heels.

We are scornful of these, but not vainglorious. We meet them with vigor. We treat with them verily. Those who say we are makers of revolutions do the evil one's labors. We submit ourselves here as physical attestors that revolutions shall *not* come, but that man shall know development, no matter how speedy, in his spiritual ennoblements reflected on his institutions.

We come to this solemn moment now when we take an Oath.

I ask all of you to kneel upon one knee, not to Man or

Man's institutions, but to the Prince of Peace and His adjurations to live nobly . . . .

(*The volunteers shall kneel, the*
women on the altar step, the
men on the floor behind)

Repeat after me—

THIS OATH, and warrant, and Holy Bond, do I make before my God . . . . that I do hereby consecrate my spirit and my living body . . . to the righteous pursuits of everlasting probity . . . .

I do swear before my Invisible Commander-in-Chief . . . . that I will serve without fear or malperformance . . . . in enlightening my brethren in the ways of all malevolence . . . . and substitute the goodness of Wisdom . . . .

I do swear before my Invisible Commander-in-Chief . . . . that I will serve without fear or malperformance . . . . as a Knight of Constructive Cooperation with all conscientious officers of the Public Peace . . . . upholding their hands and augmenting their efforts . . . . to pursue their public trusts and execute their errands . . . . making it my business to purge the halls of legislation . . . . and purify all courts of justice . . . . of venal public servants serving Self or Mammon . . . .

I do swear before my Invisible Commander-in-Chief . . . . that I will give of my Spirit and Physical Efforts . . . . to coup the iniquities of the defiantly lawless . . . . to help gather them in custody . . . . to see that society's avowed reprisals are fully executed on them . . . . despite the chicaneries of legal tricksters . . . . protecting the aged, the ill, and the defenseless . . . . from their audacious depredations . . . .

I do swear before my Invisible Commander-in-Chief . . . . that I will give of my mental faculties and physical maneuverings . . . . to help reopen all lawful marts of trade . . . . to cooperate in their prosperity . . . . to see that the products of the Creator's beneficence . . . . shall henceforth serve mankind without control by lecherous hucksterings . . . .

I do swear before my Invisible Commander-in-Chief .... that I will give of my increase and my efforts as I am permitted .... to provide roofs for the shelterless .... to provide food for the hungry .... to provide clothing for the naked .... to see that such alms are distributed among the truly needy .... and to scorn to take recompense .... for the relief of my brother ....

These things I vow ....

I vow to keep fealty with the Supreme Executives of this Christian Militia .... so long as they keep fealty with the Tenets of our Knighthood.

I vow to obey them in all lawful enterprises .... that partake of constructive good .... to ourselves or to our nation .... as they may prescribe ....

I pledge to the death all of the sureties over which I hold command .... that democratic institutions shall be preserved .... that men shall be secured in their liberties of private conscience .... that the nation's press shall be free to all speech .... excepting that of blasphemy or sedition .... in time of peace as well as in war ....

This the oath and homage .... to the Silver Uniform and White Banner of Liberation .... I do take upon myself and publicly attest .... begging that I be outlawed .... and forever held renegade and incommunicado to my comrades .... if I ever do default .... in pledging thus my life ....

Selah and Amen! ....

XII

(While the Volunteers still kneel, the band, orchestra, or organ, shall start gently and softly and refrain: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me" .... At its conclusion of one verse, the men and women kneeling on one knee in all but the front row, shall arise but remain in their places. Whereupon shall the Chaplain say:)

Our Divine Commander left a Sacrament among us, that we do memorialize anew after the dictates of our needs of Spirit.

I do take of the Chalice of Human Brotherhood among us and taste of the Symbolical Blood of our One Body and corporal aspiration.

Thus do I do it, and command you to do likewise.

(*Whereupon the Chaplain shall receive from the Nurse Superior an individual silver Communion Cup half-filled with symbolic wine. He shall taste of the contents. Thereat a specially prepared Banner of Consecration shall be held before him by the Assistant Flag Marshal. He shall grasp the white folds of the Banner and touch his lips to them. When he shall pour the remaining drops of the symbolic wine and the Blood of Fellowship in common peril upon the white folds of the Banner. As he does this, he shall utter:*—)

CHAPLAIN: "*Thus do I consecrate myself to mine oath!*"

(*Whereupon the Scribe and the Almoner shall perform a similar rite. The Nurse Superior and Assistant Flag Marshal shall then proceed to the left end of the line of kneeling devotees and present a cup and the banner to each for a repetition of such ceremony. Let the Banner be crimsoned with the liquid, the Marshal lowering the banner and providing a clean area for such consecration. When all in the kneeling line have been served, then shall the Chaplain take his Master Scourge of Cords and strike each volunteer lightly on the left shoulder, crying:*—

CHAPLAIN: "Arise and go forth, Ye Anointed Knights of the Galilean, and do His work among your fellows!"

(*The Chaplain shall repeat this as he passes down the line to the right end, where he shall pause. Whereat the bugler shall step to the opposite end and blow his signal for the Charge! The kneeling Silver-Shirts shall then arise and stand before the altar. Whereupon the Nurse Junior shall step by his side with a salver on which are laid out the Sym-*

bols of Force for all Silver Shirts, The Scourges of Cords. The Chaplain and the Nurse Junior shall then pass to the opposite end of the line together, giving each Spartan and Nurse one of the Scourges, the Chaplain repeating:—)

CHAPLAIN; "This is your Accolade, the Symbol of Persuasion which you exert among men!"

(The first line then steps backward and the rear line moves forward, to kneel and repeat the Sacrament until all have poured the solemn libation on the banner)

XIII

(The moment that the last Spartan Silver-Shirt has received his accolade, the band, orchestra, or organ, shall burst forth with a crash—)

THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on!

"Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Glory, glory, halleluiah!
His truth is marching on.

(With the conclusion of the first chorus, the Silver Shirts turn and start to march in double-breasted formation down the center aisle to the rear of the hall, audience and marchers continuing to sing:—)

"He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound defeat,

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment
seat;
O be swift my soul to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on!

"Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Our God is marching on.

"In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With the glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me!
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on!

"Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Glory, glory, halleluiah!
Glory, glory, halleluiah!
While God is marching on.

IDEALISM DARES TO BE PRACTICAL

IN

THE SILVER LEGION POSTS

THE SILVER SHIRTS ARE VIRILE, ABLE-BODIED, INDOMITABLE, SPIRITED, CLEAR-SIGHTED, STRONG-WILLED, WELL-POISED, LOYAL, FEARLESS AMERICANS.

The program of the Silver Legion Posts is therefore a program of action. It will turn the thoughts of the people toward the fuller realization and true significance of the Christ Democracy.

Christ's program is big enough to appeal to men and women of courage. It wins them by its grip on the realities of life. HE lived a life of action. The record shows that "whithersoever he entered into villages or cities or country" or "departed by ship" or "went up into a mountain" or "departed into the coasts" the people followed him gladly. The story says that men and women "marvelled astonished at his doctrine." They asked: "From whence hath this man these things? And what wisdom is this which is given unto him that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?"

HE knew the Farmers and their problems. He helped the physicians. He was a friend to lawyers. He asked fishermen and tax gatherers, sailors, soldiers, preachers and teachers to join in the work he was doing. They were busy, for at one time he said: "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile." The reason is given that "there were many coming and going and they had no leisure so much as to eat."

His program was a program of construction. He declared: "The son of man is not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

He cared for people who had been put out of their homes. To a man who said that he would follow him wherever he went Christ told him that he was homeless—"The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath not where to lay his head."

He fed the hungry. "When he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd."

He talked in plain language so the people could understand him. In warning them against false teachers he spoke of "False prophets in sheep's clothing, inwardly they are ravening wolves." In talking about people being the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" he wanted them to feel that what they did, counted. He asked: "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles *** or of a bramble bush gather they grapes."

He loved the outdoor world. He mentioned the lilies of the field, the fowls of the air, grass, trees, stones, fish, leaven in meal, fields of corn, "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear," the sea, laborers in the vineyard, mountains, nets in the lake, treasure hid in the field, a hen gathering her chickens under her wings, two sparrows sold for a farthing, cup of cold water, a reed shaken with the wind, the market place, the laborer that is heavy laden and needs rest, tares in the wheat field, and the grain of mustard seed.

With an artist's touch he painted the picture of a sower who went forth to sow. Some of the seed fell by the wayside. Fowls devoured it. Some fell on stony places. There was no deepness of earth so that it was scorched by the sun. Having no root the new growth withered. Some seed fell among thorns. The thorns sprang up and choked them.

He was a profound thinker. "He uttered things which

have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." The best trained men counseled with him. Some came by night to talk alone with him.

He had power. When he was riding with his friends in a boat there was a "Tempest in the sea. The ship was covered with the waves. He rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm." The people inquired, "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

In homes, in the wilderness, in mountains, along the roadside, seated by the well, in cities, villages, on the desert, in ships on the sea, he "taught them as one that had authority."

He healed "every sickness and every disease among the people." He had a message for the blind, the lame, the deaf, the maimed, the hungry, the dumb, the sick of the palsy, the mourner and the falsely accused, persecuted and reviled.

He wanted people to do something and not just listen to his words. He declared: "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock, and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock."

He knew that as soon as the people began to put his teachings into every day practice, they would have to endure suffering. He prepared them to meet such treatment by telling them:

"Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake."

His command was: "Keep right on living according to my teaching."

His advice is clear cut: "Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be

the chiefest shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Again he stirred hearts to courageous living by saying:

"Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospels, the same shall save it."

He liked the people who were "doing." He repeated again and again the idea of "Doing":

"Whosoever shall do and teach these commandments."

"He that is not with me is against me."

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

"Whosoever heareth my sayings and doeth them."

"They say and do not ***"

"Whoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister and mother ***"

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me."

"He shall reward every man according to his works."

He had the strength to upbraid "the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not."

Wide awake workers were desired for he announced:

"Watch ye therefore *** lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping, and what I say unto you I say unto all, watch."

His nearest followers fell asleep one day in the garden when he had asked them to watch with him. When he came upon them asleep, he asked sorrowfully, "Sleepest thou, Couldest not thou watch one hour?"

Christ did not condone the house of prayer being changed into a den of thieves. He "went into the temple of God and cast out all them who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the table of the money-changers, and the seats of

them that sold doves. ***** and found in the temple, those that sold oxen, and sheep, and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables: And said unto them that sold doves: "Take these things hence—make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." **** "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Agitators tried to heckle Christ, but he was too well grounded to become confused over their questions. They asked him technical questions about finance and power. His answers were so keen and so penetrating that his hecklers disappeared. The outcome was: "Neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions."

He read human nature and revealed his reaction to those who took the "uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats." He added: "But all their works they do, for to be seen of men." **** And "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased."

To the oppressing ones he exclaimed:

"For ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretence make long prayers **** For ye pay tithe of mint, and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the mightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith; these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

To the groups which jeered at him for telling the truth, he answered, "Ye blind guides which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. ****** For ye make clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. ****"

He recognized that some wanted to attract attention to

themselves in public places. He commented: "They love salutations in the market places."

In contrast he blessed the humble, merciful, pure, peaceful, generous. He instructed them:

"When thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do, that they may have glory of men."

"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut the door, pray ***"

"Forgive until seventy times seven."

No person was too lowly for him to help. He saw the man who was so eager to see that he had climbed a sycamore tree to avoid the crowd. The Christ called out for him to come down out of the tree, "Make haste and come down, for today I must abide at thy house." And this man who was "little of stature" made haste and came down and received him "joyfully."

He was touched by the sight of a poor widow giving her mite. He remarked, "But she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

The woman who brought the alabaster box of ointment was criticized, but Christ startled the critics "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

Christ requires undivided allegiance:

"No man can serve two masters. Ye can not serve God and Mammon."

He encountered apathy and indifference which he described:

"People's hearts waxed gross and their ears are dull of hearing and their eyes they have closed."

"Ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

He admired hardihood, firmness, valor and courage. When John the Baptist appeared with his rugged method of living, the Christ honored him and silenced the slighting remarks by saying:

"What went ye out into the wilderness to see? **** A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses."

He was concerned over children and gathered them about him. His injunction "Forbid them not" has come ringing down the centuries.

To Pilate's question "Art thou a king? The Christ testified:

"To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Christ's life is so rich with experience that we can only repeat: "There are also many other things which he did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

THE WORK OF EACH POST IN EVERY LOCALITY

Silver Legion Posts all over the country will use the same programs. These programs will be furnished by Headquarters in such form that they can be adapted to the needs of every community. The order of service of the assembly will be indicated so that every Post, near or far from Headquarters can keep in touch with the vital issues of the hour.

As soon as this Hand-Book reaches your Post the work described in it should be started at once. All Americans who understand the need for intelligent Christian action are asking "What can I do to help save our country?" To aid the members of the Posts in finding the work which they can do to the best advantage in their own cities, towns and rural communities, suggestions are given as to how to arrange Silver Legion Committees in every Post in the nation.

In addition to the Program which will be furnished by Headquarters for regular use at each meeting of the Silver Legion, Committees should take active part in all these meetings. This will keep the Silver Shirts informed on national problems and aid them in carrying out a stirring, practical campaign in their own cities and in their farm communities.

The Silver Shirts are citizens who are dedicated to action. To be effective our Silver Legion activities must be well organized and faithfully and promptly taken up, carried on and completed. To unite our efforts and coordinate our thoughts, the Silver Shirts all over the nation are given the opportunity to apply their own energies and ideals and ideas to a concentrated plan of work for 1933-1936.

The first step consists of appointing Nine Committee Chairmen.

The second step is very important. It should be done

with care and the utmost thought as to the happiness and usefulness of every Silver Shirt of the Post. Each Silver Shirt should be placed on the Committee on which he or she can give the best service.

Every Silver Shirt should be assigned to one of the Committee of which there are to be Nine in each Post. Each Silver Shirt should be willing to serve on the Committee for which his experience fits him for the work to be done by that Committee.

The names of the Nine Committees of each Post of the Silver Legion are:

1. Census
2. City-Country
3. Cohesion
4. Communication
5. Courage
6. Culture
7. Curriculum
8. Childhood
9. Civism

The third step is for each Chairman of the Nine Committees to attend a Meeting at which only the Officers of the Post and the Nine Chairmen are present. Previous to this meeting, the Hand-Book furnished each of the Nine Chairmen should be studied, and the general Plan of all Committees understood. Each of the Nine Chairmen should master the details of their specific Committee, so that they can explain its aims, scope and needs to Silver Shirts upon call to do so. This meeting of the Officers and Nine Chairmen should take the form of a Conference as to the needs of the Community, and how this plan can be carried out as outlined in the Hand-Book.

The fourth step is for each Chairman to call a meeting of every Silver Shirt who has been previously assigned to work on his or her Committee. This will mean that every member of the Post will attend some one of the Nine Committees. The entire membership of the Posts will be work-

ing in Nine Committees. Each member should respond gladly to the call to accept responsibility for working on these Committees. The Chairman should study the work of his Committee so thoroughly that he can inspire the members of his Committee to devote time, common sense, skill, tact, experience, courage and Silver Shirt grit, to accomplishing results in every Post and Community in the United States.

The work of each Committee is interdependent with the work of every other Committee. The success of each Committee will spur all Committees to do better work. The result of loyal, continued cohesion in the service of Silver Shirts in any community will lift the "L" banner higher in the State and aloft in the Nation. Fidelity to country requires individual cooperation with the Post Committee activities, if the Silver Shirts are to realize their plan of the Christ Democracy.

The Fifth step is to get each Committee activity organized quickly and to go to work.

The Sixth step is to keep the work of each Committee so well in hand and so brisk, that descriptions of the work to be done, and already accomplished, will quicken the interest of Silver Shirts in attending meetings of the Post. Reports of each Committee will be offered in such a lively style to the regular meetings that the whole tone of community life should be enlivened and aroused. Such reports should be prepared in advance of the meeting in as an original and attractive explanatory style as is possible for thinking people to give, and well informed people to hear.

The Seventh step is to prepare accurate reports of each Committee to be incorporated in a semi-annual report to be furnished Headquarters.

The Eighth step is for each Committee to keep minutes of each meeting.

The Ninth step is to keep everlastingly at the job of working night and day, until the task assigned each person and each Committee and each Post is finished.

Counsel among yourselves frequently and try to develop strength and self-reliance in every American in your Community. Headquarters can suggest plans, but it falls upon the Silver Shirts in all the Posts to cooperate, to put such plans into speedy operation. If you want additional advice write to your State Officer, or National Headquarters.

THE CENSUS COMMITTEE

The members of this Committee should assemble information regarding the people who live in the city or in the farm community in which their Silver Legion Post is located. Such information should be classified, evaluated, filed, indexed and copied for distribution upon request, to Headquarters or to officers of the Post. It should be confidential until authorized by Post officials to release it. Answers to the following questions should be compiled:

How many native-born citizens are there in your city?
How many naturalized citizens are there in your city?
How many partly-naturalized citizens are there in your city?
How many aliens are there in your city?
Of these aliens how many are from Europe?
Of these aliens how many are from Mexico?
Of these aliens how many are from South America?
Of these aliens how many are from the Orient? Japan? China?
How many Hebrews are there in your city?
How many of these Hebrews were born in the United States?
How many were born in your city?
How many were born outside the United States?

From what country do most of the unnaturalized Hebrews in your city come?
How many Protestants are there in your city?
How many Catholics are there in your city?
What provisions are made in your city to naturalize aliens?
Do you have exercises or celebrations welcoming them to citizenship?
Is special honor given to the young men and women who have reached 21 years of age and are ready to assume responsibility of citizenship?
What percentage of native-born citizens vote in your city?
What percentage of naturalized citizens vote in your city?
Do you have foreign-born blocks or settlements or colonies in your city?
If so, what is being done to Americanize such foreign speaking people?
What should be done to bring them into closer touch with American ideals and practices?
Draw up suggestions for bettering conditions in your city based on these findings.
Originate plans to act upon such suggestions if your Post sanctions your recommendations.
What percentage of crime in your city is committed by citizens?
What percentage of crime in your city is committed by aliens?
What percentage of citizens own their own homes in your city?
What percentage of aliens own their own homes in your city?
What percentage of citizens are unemployed in your city?
What percentage of aliens are unemployed in your city?

If Posts are located in farming communities, the word Community can be substituted wherever the word city appears in these questions. In collecting this information, the city or community may be zoned into precincts or districts if desired. If more than one Post is located in any community or city, of course the Posts would be expected to confer together, so that the work done by one Post would not overlap or conflict with that done by another. By apportioning the

work to be done by zones or districts, it is possible to avoid duplication of effort. Consult State Encampment for proper zoning.

Some information can be secured from figures which are already collected and arranged by Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, Better Business Bureaus, City Halls, Voting Authorities, Tax Records, Statistical organizations, Printed Government Census Reports, The World Almanac, Map Associations, Automobile Companies, Trade Associations, Labor Unions, Libraries, University Research Departments, Private Investigators. No report should be accepted without double checking it for accuracy with other sources of information. Every figure used should be known and proved to be accurate. Changes should be noted from time to time, and first reports should be kept up to date as soon as changes occur. Make corrections in tabulations as rapidly as changes occur, so that they will always be ready for rapid use.

The Census Committee should be a look-out committee to observe conditions among both aliens and citizens which can be bettered. Wherever this Committee comes in contact with foreign-speaking people, the Silver Shirt feeling of friendliness and neighborly nearness should be stressed.

This Committee should find out the names and addresses of young people gifted in art, music, writing, acting, handicraft, household arts, community organizing, political leadership, civic betterment.

Unemployed people of all ages should be listed and helped as promptly as possible. Mothers and adult women in the homes of the foreign-speaking people, should be invited to attend fairs, exhibits, art and musical entertainments, festivals, school events, patriotic mass meetings. The other members of their families who work during the daytime and

sometimes at night, should be included in the invitations, at a time which would enable them to attend such gatherings without inconvenience.

Vital statistics which have a bearing on the control of disease, crime, lawlessness, school attendance, conduct in the home, attitude toward the Government should be compiled. Such facts will aid the work of many Committees of the Posts, and should be recorded, when discovered in connection with the work of finding the answers to the questions which are listed for this Committee to tabulate.

This Committee should be more than an impersonal fact-finding agency. It should glow with the spirit of the Silver Legion, in its contacts with all types of minds and all conditions of community life. It should become familiar with the constituency of the city or farming districts in such a definite way that it can bring about a Renaissance of Christian Living.

If this Committee does the personal investigating it should do, it will discover rich funds of information, which will assist the other Committees to establish permanent methods in correcting undesirable conditions, and in stimulating good citizenship.

THE CITY-COUNTRY COMMITTEE

This Committee is challenged to help preserve the true identity of American life in both city and rural sections. To do this the Committee must amass facts, stories, traditions, folklore, historical annals, manuscripts, letters, records legal and personal, that they may understand the great heritage of Americanism which is theirs. Arrange programs, write songs, draw cartoons and posters, give pageants, pose tableaux, compose music, plan entertainments, paint pictures, assemble ex-

hibits, prepare stories for story-telling hours, compile folk lore tales, collect material for fairs, festivals and store window demonstrations, provide for home-coming events, preserve historical documents, family treasures, diaries, letters, manuscripts, works of early pioneers.

The Depression has broken up homes and reduced living quarters to the extent that priceless historical data are being destroyed or sold to unscrupulous dealers, who are profiting by the distress of old American families. A campaign for saving this inheritance for future generations should be inaugurated.

As a basis for enrichment of human lives in every community, facts should be preserved and studied concerning the following:

Who were the first settlers in your city?
Why did they come to your locality?
From where did they come?
What dreams did they have for the future?
Where did they first settle? On river bank, near mountains, along coasts, beside lakes, in the valleys, in the forests? Why?
What American institutions did they set up in your neighborhood?
Did they defend such institutions from Indians, from wild animals, from fire, flood, havoc and destruction by foes?
What are you doing to defend American institutions today?
Trace the growth of commerce, trade, industry, community betterment, health promotion, education, religion, cultural development, civic advancement, political improvement, personal initiative, in your city.
What has been the aim of your city? For what is it noted?
Did the sons and daughters and their families connected by blood ties to these early settlers remain in your city?
Is property owned today by the descendants of the early settlers?
Are the historic places of interest well preserved in your city?

Who owns the homes in your city? List as many home owners as possible.
Who owns the farms? List as many farm owners as possible.
Who owns the banks? List as many financial leaders as possible.
Who owns the factories? Compile list of Manufacturers.
Who owns the mills, the mines, the forests, the vacant lots, the apartment houses, the business blocks, the stores, the sky-scrapers, the oil wells, the chain drug and grocery business, the grocery food and grain warehouses, the railroads, public utilities, telephone and telegraph agencies?

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must become a watch cry for all Silver Shirts in their relationship with everyday life. To provide an intelligent citizenry with information which will help them guard the well being of the American people it is well to find out the following points:

How many Americans lost their homes in your city in the last year?
How many Americans lost their farms in your locality?
Are foreclosures increasing? Decreasing? Why?
Can home owners borrow money in your locality?
If so from whom? At what rates of interest? At what bonus?
If they cannot borrow money, who refuses to loan?
How many bank failures did you have in your city?
How many business failures?
Who liquidated the business of these banks and firms?
What business gains have been made in your city?
Who helps business?
Is anyone obstructing business?
Who discounts home loan papers? Is that method satisfactory?
Are finances pyramided in your city?
How many evictions for non-payment of rent?
How many families have had to crowd together in poor quarters to save rent?
Are rents higher? Are rents lower?
Do the American families get enough to eat? To Wear?

List farm prices and compare with several other periods.
Can the farmers market their produce?
Can the manufacturers sell their products?
Is there underconsumption which gives the false impression of surplus?
The sentiment in your country and city is gauged by what the people know. How well informed is your city on the dark forces which try to reduce the standards of American living?
What facilities has your city for obtaining food from the surrounding territory? Would it be crippled easily in time of general strike in industries and transportation or in failure of crops?
Are the farmers and city-dwellers in close contact, so that food could be furnished city dwellers in exchange for products they produce?
Is there a spirit of cooperation and understanding between the American families who live in your city, and the families who live in the nearest farming communities?
Could you develop a closer relationship?
Do you know where the important cables are which govern the electric lighting system, the centers which control the water system, the point of greatest power in your railroad and bus and street car and other transportation systems, the nerve of outside communication, the source of food in your city?
In time of emergency would you know how to protect such nerve centers of your city so that they could not be wrecked by a small force or your city dashed into darkness, without water, without communication, without means of transportation?

THE COHESION COMMITTEE

The Cohesion Committee can use the inexhaustible data supplied by the Census Committee and the City-Country Committee from which to mobilize recruits for a constantly increasing membership in the Silver Legion. This Committee can carry the spiritual message to a weary world, by

taking enthusiastic interest in winning new members for the Silver Shirts. Mustering members must be carried on with the idea of getting men and women, and not mere numbers of individuals. The Americans must be brought together and held together in a cohesion of Christian companionship. There is a kinship of spiritual desire and practical attainment which is wholesome and reciprocal. The Cohesion Committee should act as a binder, bringing the people of American traditions into closer contact with the Silver Shirts.

The Cohesion Committee should enlist new members.
It should welcome new members.
It should keep members happy in their work.
It should study the work of other Committees so that it can interest people in the activities of the Silver Legion.
It should know all the people in the Post.
It should keep an accurate record of memberships.
It should find out the work which each member would like to do.
It should furnish news to the Communication Committee, and to the Curriculum Committee, which will aid the Committees in serving the members of the Post, and in having the members take an active part in the Programs of the Post.
It should enroll the children of members so that they may have the benefits accruing to them through the other Committees.
In seeking new members, if facts are learned which would help other Committees, they should be recorded and forwarded to the Committee which could use such information to the best advantage.
It is not enough to win new members for the Posts. It is important to hold them.
It should cultivate a spirit in the Post of willingness to undertake work, determination to do that work well, and an iron discipline which the Silver Shirts are ready to impose upon themselves to insure the success of all Committee Activities.
It should always be present at meetings.
It should be tactful in its approach to people at all times.
It should stress harmony, concord, amity, generosity, unity, fellowship, companionship, friendship, Cohesion.

THE COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

This Committee can promote an era of understanding, good feeling, friendship, sterling Americanism, stalwart citizenship.

It should care for some Silver Shirts by friendly calls.
It should organize a flower distributing circle.
It should look after the shut-ins or distressed.
It should write letters to the absent or out of town members.
It should communicate with other Posts.
It should keep in touch with Headquarters.
It should correspond with members who have moved to other places.
It should assemble and forward reports prepared by the Posts, describing the work accomplished by the Committees.
It should keep in close touch with the membership of the Posts.
It should send to sources of information and get data to build up files of general information for use by the Committees.
A record should be kept of special experiences of members in the psychic world.

THE COURAGE COMMITTEE

The Courage Committee should be made up of legal, medical, military and civic experts. They should be in readiness to respond day or night to the call of distress. Sometimes the members of this Committee would move in unison, at other periods of stress they would act spontaneously as individuals.

This Committee should volunteer for rescue work.
It can take part in forum discussions in a firm stand for American principles and in contradiction to false arguments.
It can be ready to aid in case of accident, fire, flood, distress, storm, or family and city emergency.
It can be present to assist families threatened with foreclosure.
It can prevent eviction of families for non-payment of rent.

It can quiet agitation to forestall riots.
It can uphold the teachings of Christ at atheist meetings.
It can start and support movements for healthier life in the city.
It can wield an influence for good in political affairs.
It can clean up schools and colleges.
It can defend the poor and defenseless by offering legal, medical and friendly service.
It can lessen the number of open-air meetings held by Communists.
It can write arguments answering disloyal statements in the press, without however, mentioning The Silver Legion unless such a statement is officially approved by the Chief or General Staff at National Headquarters.
It can be ready for physical combat in defense of the safety of Silver Shirts.
It can help the police of the city and the county officers of the law quell disturbances.
It can retard crime.
It can eliminate a trend toward increase in kidnapping.
It can circulate the idea that "Fears are lost Pathways."
It must train for special duty in such emergencies.
It must work together in squads by two, by four, by eight, by 32 or more if necessary.
It should act as Convener of the Conveners in courage and valor.
It should hearten the distressed with good cheer.
It should organize a group of volunteers to do work for people who can not afford to pay for help and are too old or weak to do the work themselves.
It should organize an athletic training class to assist the Childhood Committee in its work with youth.
It can give an air of law and order to court rooms.
It can send representatives to ride with the Silver Rangers.
It can sell literature on the street under license or distribute it when instructed to do so by Post officials.
It can escort people who are heckled by radicals.
It can guard special officials.
It can show individual preparation when the moment demands speed, poise, concentration, quick thinking, genius.
It can be the vanguard of victory for righteousness.

If this work is silently, reverently done it will impress the whole country. Only Galahads of granite morale should be selected. The men who are steadfast, strong and do not flinch in time of tumult, are the men to enlist for the Courage Committee. Take the ones whom ridicule cannot move, scorn, derision and persecution weaken, sarcasm annoy, or stones or brickbats intimidate. The Courage Committee will be required to swing into action upon a moment's warning. For that reason the greatest skill should be expended upon its enlistment, instruction and training.

The medical unit could include nurses and a sanitary corps, physical culture specialists, recreation leaders, first aid and life guards, athletic instructors, sport coaches.

The legal department should include Judges, prosecutors, Counsel for industrial and financial and agricultural emergencies, defense for special cases in the community.

THE CULTURE COMMITTEE

Invite artists, musicians, dramatists, authors, journalists, vocational and manual art instructors, pageant directors who are members of the Posts to participate on this Committee.

Professional leaders of community enterprises could be of much value. Educators and librarians, lecturers, ministers story-telling specialists, Folklore analysts, Shakespeare scholars, designers, sculptors, and other gifted people should be asked to join in this activity, provided they are dedicated to the specific aims of the Silver Shirts.

The Committee can seek out young people who can not finance their ambitions and give them a start toward their educational, professional and vocational goals.

It can make a special effort to cultivate the acquaintance of college graduates who are disappointed and out-of-joint with the times because they cannot go to work at their chosen

careers. Perhaps they can be given new channels of thought which will cheer them along until the thing they want to do appears to open up for them.

It can bring young people into the Silver Legion through awakening in their minds a longing for more culture and training.

It can impress upon youth that the Silver Legion has a place for young men and women who are ready for a program of service which takes brains, nerve, adventure, daring, grit, energy, quick movement, and in return gives soul elation.

It can go to the untutored but idealist-adult and start culture with individuals separately and combined in small meetings.

It can take entertainment to institutions which house numbers of people who love the beautiful in life but are deprived of contact with the outside world.

It can approach the immigrant families and get them to help with fairs, exhibits of handicraft, musicals, art demonstrations, cooking schools, evening classes, vocational institutes, relief work.

It can arrange meetings in homes and halls where talks can be given which will help to carry people through the stress and strain of the coming months.

It can supplement the talks with other forms of good cheer.

It can introduce culture more widely in the city and community by the use of story telling hours, dramatic plays, orations, tableaux, pageants, parades, debates, discussions, radio parties, recitations,—all founded upon sound American facts which can be developed with the help of the City-Country Committee whose work is so broad that it is constantly finding historical incidents and stories suitable for entertainment. The value of such an attempt is the amount of latent talent which is uncovered and encouraged to unfold into cultural beauty.

It can use the same tactics in the farming communities, for original plays can be developed around agricultural themes, and the country is just as rich in historical lore.

It can prepare historical features to be incorporated in programs to be used at Post Meetings under the charge of the Curriculum Committee.

It can set its trained people to work on constructing a real

American art, literature, music, drama, story, sculpture, out of the wealth of American lore at their disposal. This will quicken national idealism.

It can show that Americans have brains and can volunteer to use them in promoting genuine American culture.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee should be made up of program builders, executives, salesmen, financial leaders. It will have heavy work to do in conducting programs, selling literature, conducting reading circles.

It should master the details of the hand-book of Committee activities in the Silver Legion Posts.

It should receive, sponsor and use every program mailed regularly from Headquarters for presentation in each Post.

It should start these programs at once upon receipt of the first one so that the work of all the Posts in the United States can be kept uniform. In that way the members can create a solidarity of opinion which will sway the nation.

It should arouse the membership to such an enthusiasm that they will be present at every meeting and take an active part in the Post programs and Committee action.

It should keep the literature forwarded from Headquarters in good condition.

It should help sell books, pamphlets, releases, and any other research material provided for sale from Headquarters.

It should build up a big circulation for the magazine LIBERATION.

It should help sell the Silver Legion newspaper.

It should keep literature on hand at every meeting of the Post so that people needing information can get their supplies.

It can form fireside conversational forums for the discussion of questions around the fireplace in the homes of the members.

It can organize reading units which will read together, digest and present reviews to the Post meetings.

It can start dinner table discussions, breakfast talks, luncheon

reviews, tea table comment, supper news, bedtime stories dealing with Silver Shirt themes.

It can furnish data to teachers, preachers, lecturers, legislators, governmental authorities, students, debaters, thesis writers, journalists, editors, authors, short story writers, dramatists, artists, cartoonists, fraternal groups, political leaders, sorority and fraternity members, army and navy, Boy and Girl Scouts, Youth groups, clubs, church societies, University classes, oratorical contests, police, crime prevention specialists, investigators, and many other formations which tend to create public opinion, *at all times, however, avoiding the Press, and never going beyond that published in the Liberation Magazine or Silver Ranger Newspaper.*

It can send representatives to other Societies to present the ideas the Silver Shirts are upholding.

It can clarify the atmosphere concerning the aims of the Silver Shirts and back up the assertions with the sale of reading matter which will stimulate thought in the city and community outside the Post in support of the work the Silver Shirts are doing.

It can be sure no literature distributed by the Post is left to lie on the streets or on the floors of halls or homes where meetings are held. *No literature should be wasted or made cheap in the eye of the public by scattering it in public places. Each piece should be protected from loss and abuse.*

It should follow the instructions furnished by Headquarters as to the presentation of Post Programs and any other advice which is offered from week to week as to coordinating Committee Activities with the prepared Post Programs.

It should be busy constantly in expanding the viewpoint of the Silver Shirts through the combined distribution of literature, the presentation of programs and the correlation of The Activities of the Nine Committees.

THE CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE

Secure fathers and mothers who understand children for this Committee. Kindergarten teachers, grade school teach-

ers, school principals and superintendents, vocational and sport instructors, playground leaders, Scout masters, story hour conductors, librarians, riding masters, folk dancing directors, pageant experts, relief workers, bus and transportation owners, owners or managers of confectionery stores, will be of great service in giving variety to the work with children.

The Childhood Committee would do well to realize that if the Silver Shirts do not look after the children in their own homes, and in the homes of their city and farming community, some one else may capture their devotion. The Communists have a slogan: "Grab them young and keep them red." The Communists, Socialists, Atheists, and ultra-radical propagandists are determined to enlist recruits from the ranks of youth. They baptize infants into the revolution. The mother of the infant raises the child aloft and says: "I dedicate this child to revolution—its life if need be."

From infancy, through the pre-school age, through kindergarten preparation, grade school period, high school age, late teen age and the early twenties—on to maturity there is no gap left in the approach to the mind of youth. Remarkable pursuits and tasks, sports and recreational features are prepared by the radicals to win youth from babyhood to middle life.

Consequently, more than ordinary attention must be given to work with youth of all ages. The brightest, most animated, skilled leadership you can attract for your Childhood Committee, is none too good to compete with the leadership which is already organized to "Grab" your children, to innoculate them with hatred against home and government. A program must be set up by the Silver Shirts which is practical and workable, attractive and magnetic in its lure and fascination for youth. A slip shod "here a little and there a little" smattering contact with childhood will not avail. The

theories of reaching youth may be expounded day after day, and if practices are loose, and hit and miss in pattern, the effort is worthless.

Youth loves adventure. It craves variety. It longs for trips to the end of the rainbow and home again. It dreams, and still it is so practical that it sizes up the meaning of a proposition in double quick time. It looks right through sham and pretext. It X-rays intentions. It respects frankness. It abhors fluffy feathers, flub dub and cant. It is original. It has will power. Its imagination moves with the speed of a flying Dutchman. It can accomplish the impossible for it knows no obstruction. It dares. It hopes. It can manage routine with the charm of a diplomat. It wants something to do. But it wants to be trusted while doing it. At times youth travels in gangs or on other days it may seek solitude. It roves the earth in one mood and lies motionless staring at the sky in another.

The Childhood Committee can consult the Census Committee and the Cohesion Committee to learn more about how many children there are in the city and where the most work with childhood is needed.

It would be well to honor the infants of the Silver Shirts in some way to establish a cradle roll of the Silver Legion.

It would be interesting to look over the picture books the preschool age are offered by the book stores. A visit to toy land might follow to see how many books and toys would help children cultivate the traits of character Silver Shirts exemplify. If more books are needed, why not have some prepared from the Silver Shirts viewpoint of intense love for America.

It will be well for parents and trustees of childhood to acquaint themselves with the ideas children receive about home and country in their first years at school. What are their associations at recess time? Perhaps the Childhood Committee could clear up conditions if it is found that children lack facilities to make them happy.

The Childhood Committee can plan entertainment for grade school age and not interrupt the routine of study at school and home tasks. From the following list of occupation for children, pastimes can be selected which will be adaptable to the specific community or city in which it works.

Hikes, camp fire stunts, fireplace parties, story telling hours, playlets, musicals, essay contests, treasure hunts, puzzle contests, distribution of food, doing chores for needy, making gliders, airplanes, and boats, excursions to historic spots, trips to famous homes, visits to libraries, stores and centers of interest which will quicken children's interest in America's future, folklore exhibits, folk dancing, industrial exhibits, fairs, exhibitions of school and home work and handicraft and cultural achievements of children, special days for foreign-born children to demonstrate their gifts, celebration of anniversaries, historic days and public events in which Silver Shirt Children can take part, camping expeditions, community song festivals, orchestras, bands, Silver Shirt reading clubs, athletic meets, skating tests, swimming matches, observatory groups to learn about the stars, tree clubs to learn more about beauty, use, kinds and care of trees, Hiawatha societies furnishing children stories about Indians, Vigilant and Police units instructing children to respect law and order and to provide them with thrilling stories of Uncle Sam's defenders, army and navy clubs formed from sons and daughters of men in the service, farm clubs, consisting of boys and girls who raise flower and vegetable gardens, sheep, hogs, cattle and horses and other stock, flower circles to grow, gather and distribute flowers to shut-ins and for Silver Shirt events, usher and escort patrols to serve at public gatherings and celebrations, page posts ready to act as pages at conferences and mass meetings, financial field-men who help sell literature and raise money, cheer leaders and slogan makers, poster and placard companies who design and make artistic Silver Shirt Posters and Markers, map units who draw maps and charts for Silver Shirt meetings, landscape designers, illustrators and illuminators to decorate publications and dodgers, fire squads to protect localities from careless fires, census helpers to as-

sist in tabulating for Census Committee, Silver Shirt guides for directing guests in the City, night school classes, commercial art studies, furniture design, architectural lectures and trips to modern homes.

The Childhood Committee will find many of these pursuits and projects fitted to the taste and zeal of the teen age and early twenties. From this wide selection the choice can be made of the definite work each city or community wishes to do. It is understood that all of these projects could not be used in the same city without overcrowding the program of activities. It is left to the Childhood Committee of each Post to study the needs of the city and then decide which plan could be used to the best advantage.

THE CIVISM COMMITTEE

To be a citizen in the United States implies recognition of the supreme privileges accorded the individual in this country.

The Declaration of Independence stressed the fact that Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness are not bestowed upon the individual from without. They are inherent in personality itself.

The authority of this government under the Constitution is derived from the people. The powers of government are prescribed and limited by the people. Whoever strikes a blow at Constitutional Government so drafted strikes a blow at his or her own individual freedom and personal security. This is a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

The Civism Committee can initiate ceremonies to honor the new voters. It should include the recently naturalized citizens and the young men and women who have just reached the voting age.

The Civism Committee can report incidents which are taking place in the National Government. It can give talks on

the relationship of executive, judicial and legislative Branches of Government.

The Civism Committee can gather information about State and local government. It can report situations which need to be improved.

The Civism Committee should be well informed on the voting constituency of each city in which the Post is located and for which it is working.

The Civism Committee should understand the risks of Bureaucracy and the need of its correction.

The Civism Committee can stimulate: get out the vote campaigns.

The Civism Committee should study the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Get as many Silver Shirts as possible to read books about the Constitution.

The Civism Committee should know the plan and officials of the city in which they live.

The Civism Committee should delegate someone in the Post to read the Congressional Record and digest certain speeches for use in programs of the Post.

The Civism Committee should cooperate with the Census and City-Country Committees to rectify conditions which these Committees uncover among the foreign born or in certain districts of the city.

The Civism Committee can cooperate with the Childhood Committee in supporting the movement to make better citizens of children.

The Civism Committee can get in touch with police authorities and help clean up crime situations.

The Civism Committee can attend political meetings and keep the standards of discussions high.

The Civism Committee can organize Americanization classes to teach immigrants to read, write, cook, beautify their homes, learn the customs of the country, hear about the founders and patriots of the Nation, discuss its laws and institutions, understand its insurance and loan features.

The Civism Committee can guide people in their historical read-

ing that they may revere the men and women who have founded and preserved this nation.

The Civism Committee can compile biographies of American patriots. Prepare sketches of contemporary people who are holding the lines for Americanism today.

The Civism Committee should keep a file of the magazine "Liberation" where it could be available for use if students want to take extracts from it for their school work. It refers to many incidents which students could amplify for school declamations contests, debates, themes and the like.

The Civism Committee should understand the tactics of the Communists, Socialists and radicals in their attempt to overthrow the United States Government.

The Civism Committee should keep track of the theories Atheism is promoting in the United States.

The Civism Committee should aid the Courage Committee to keep a check on subversive forces.

The Civism Committee should promote the work of all Committees of the Post so that citizenship in America may be lifted to higher planes of conception and realization.

The Civism Committee should bear in mind that no nation is stronger than its citizens, individually and collectively.

The Civism Committee should put a ban on the collective life as advocated by Soviet Russia. It combats the principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence.

The Civism Committee should study the Christ Democracy.

WATCHFULNESS should be kept to see that each of the foregoing committees is kept in proper balance with the others. All are equally important and inter-dependent, and only by the correlative development of each in conjunction with the whole, will a complete cooperation be manifested with the nation-wide organization.

There is wisdom in this committee arrangement beyond first perception. The Silver Legion is building for the future. Members of this Silvery Host will install the Christ

Democracy when the time comes, and they must educate themselves *by action* to take their places at the helm of affairs. We are bringing the Spirit of the Christ into *practical* reality and fulfilling those functions of citizenship which our Constitution has provided but which the public has entrusted to incapable, self-seeking, and Satanic interests. The body of the citizenry must of themselves purge our nation of the forces of corruption as of an Augean Stables! But that purging can only be accomplished by constructive doing!

Each Post must be an air-tight, militant unit, that as a group may be wielded for the purposes of the Christ, whom we together serve!